

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace figures 5A-6B with the attached replacement sheets 1 and 2. No new matter is presented.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 2 are amended. The Title and Figures 5A – 6B are also amended. No new matter is presented. The above amendments and following remarks are considered by Applicants to overcome the objections and rejections raised by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants request the reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-3.

Figures 5A-6B are objected to for not being properly labeled as “Prior Art”. By this amendment, Figures 5A-6B are amended. No new matter is presented. Therefore, Applicants request the withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

The Title of the invention is also objected to for not being description. The Title of the invention is amended to overcome this objection. Accordingly, Applicants request the withdrawal of the objection to the Title.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Horita et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/014323 A1). The Examiner takes the position that Horita teaches and/or suggests all the features recited in claims 1 and 2. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Horita is directed to an optical pickup device that includes a lens for projecting a light onto a recording medium, a lens holder elastically supported by a frame and holding the lens. An actuator is mounted in and drives the lens holder. Horita further discloses a weight 48 to damp the vibration of the lens holder 14 which is bonded and fixed to the concave part 14d at the front end portion of the lens holding portion. The weight 48 is fixed on the concave part 14d, and supported in the focusing direction. As a result, in the invention of Horita, it would be difficult to absorb the vibrations in the focusing direction. It would be difficult to absorb

the vibrations because the attaching face of the weight 48 is formed in the tracking direction and is not formed in the focusing direction.

In contrast to the device disclosed in Horita, the claimed invention as amended in claim 1 recites an attaching face of the first vibration absorbing member being formed in the focusing direction as to absorb the vibrations in the focusing direction. Claim 2 is amended to recite an attaching face of the second vibration absorbing member being formed in the tracking direction so as to absorb the vibrations in the tracking direction. It is respectfully submitted that Horita fails to teach or suggest an attaching member as provided in the present invention. As mentioned above, it is not possible for the device of Horita to absorb the vibrations in the focusing or tracking directions. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Horita fails to teach or suggest this feature. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Horita et al. and further in view of Naraoka et al. The Examiner takes the position that the combination of Horita and Naraoka teach or suggest all the features recited in claim 3. Applicants respectfully disagree.

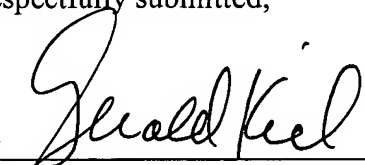
Claim 3 is dependent upon independent claims 2. In view of the above amendments to claim 2, Applicants submit that claim 3, due to its dependency on claim 2, recites subject matter that is neither taught nor suggested by the applied references. In particular, it is submitted that Naraoka fails to cure the deficiencies of Horita. Therefore, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

In view of the above amendments and remarks presented, it is respectfully requested that all of the claims be reconsidered and allowed. If the Examiner believes that additional issues need to be resolved before this application can be passed to issue, the undersigned invites the Examiner to contact him at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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